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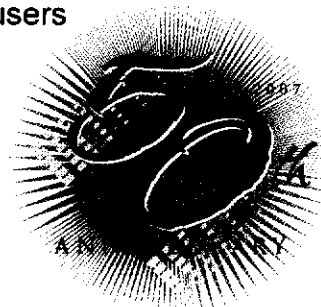
Ms. Rorie Skei
Chief Deputy Executive Officer
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
5750 Ramirez Canyon Road
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Ms. Skei:

On July 3, 2007, the Paramount City Council approved the City's FY 2007-08 Budget which allocated funding for the Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion project. The Dills Park capital improvement project allocates \$2.5 million from Proposition A L.A. River funds through the MRCA, \$1,000,000 from the Rivers and Mountains Authority, and \$500,000 from miscellaneous city funds. This project will complete the development of this park expansion project started back in 2000.

The Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion project is an acquisition and development project to enlarge the park, enhance community access to the Los Angeles River, provide a more natural park setting that reflects the Los Angeles River's past, improve public access to the park, increase safety and police access, and beautify Somerset Blvd. During Phase I and II of this project, 4 commercial properties were acquired along Somerset Blvd. and 8 of residential properties were acquired along San Luis St. and San Antonio Ave. adjacent to the park expansion area. In total, Phase I and II were able to add 2.5 acres of additional park space to this park along the Los Angeles River.

Currently, the project is in its development phase. The existing park is being redesigned to provide the community with a nature trail that offers the flora and fauna from the Los Angeles River palette. This trail will offer not only an aesthetic and educational walk among a riparian ecosystem, it will offer users



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exercise opportunities along the trail with par course stations. The expansion area of the park will be converted into another natural setting with a large meadow; picnic areas; restroom; playground; and an extension of the trail, with additional exercise stations, that connects to the existing park. The entire project will employ water management practices and materials that reduce water usage, reduce runoff, and provide filtered water percolation and drainage into the Los Angeles River.

We are enormously grateful for the funding that has been committed through the MRCA to the Dills project. The completion of this project will bring to a close an extensive process of expanding and redeveloping the park and open a new phase in the life of Dills Park as a natural setting reminiscent of the Los Angeles' Rivers past.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (562) 220-2141.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'VT', is written over the printed name 'Vincent Torres'.

Vincent Torres
Community Services & Recreation Director

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